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HIROSHI NANTO ET AL.

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Title: METAL MOLDING MACHINE

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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Allowability, Notice of Allowance, and Issue Fee dated May 24, 2004.

However, Applicants have not yet received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS"), (copy attached) that was filed on September 10, 2003 with a partial translation of Japanese Design Application No. 2002-34205 having been provided with the IDS filed on December 4, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the IDS by signing, dating, and returning (to the undersigned) the enclosed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed on September 10, 2003. The undersigned notes that the Examiner already acknowledged the newspaper article as having been considered

Respectfully submitted,

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